



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, September 4, 2008

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 4, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley (**ABS**)
Mohamed Okdie (**ABS**)
Willie Hampton (**ABS**)
Ronald L. Griffin (**ABS**)

Department Personnel Present

AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
Lt. Donna Jarvis
Sgt. Romel Alexander
PO Felicia Jewell
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Curtis Staples, Supervising Investigator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore
Media
Ron Scott
George Washington
LaWanda Hail-Ruffin

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for September 4, 2008, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for August 28, 2008 were not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

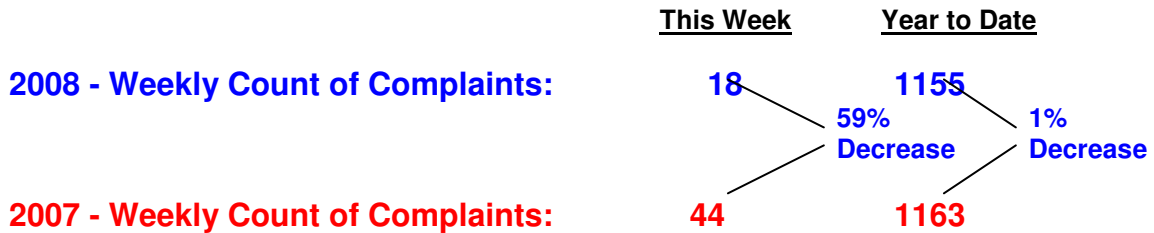
1. CHAIRPERSON

Comm. Ramirez stated that this is a very painful and sad day for the City of Detroit. However, I know the citizens and the City of Detroit will be able to move forward. We will probably be in a healing process and I know---I know that we are going to pull through. As the Police Commissioners, we look forward to the new administration and once that occurs on September 19, 2008, we will welcome new Detroit Mayor Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr. and we will look forward to working closely with him.

I also want to say that we regret that our Chief of Police, Ella M. Bully-Cummings has left for her retirement and I understand her reasons for wanting to be with her family. She has devoted 30 years to the department. She joined the department 1977 when she was 19. She is also a fine image of success of the finest members of our Detroit Police Department. On one hand, I am sad to see her leave, but on the other hand, I fully understand her reasons for wanting to be with her family. The department is presently being overseen by AC Robert Dunlap and AC Ralph Godbee until the new administration says otherwise. As the Police Commissioners, we are pleased that AC Dunlap and AC Godbee will continue to oversee the department in an effort to move the department forward.

2. SECRETARY REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,185** active investigations, of which **909** of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 09/04/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
4	EASTERN DISTRICT		4	1							5
3	NORTHWESTERN		1	1				1		1	4
3	SOUTHWESTERN		2				2	1			5
2	TRAFFIC		2								2
4	Unknown Command		1	1			4				6
2	WESTERN		1				2				3
18			11	3			9	1		1	25

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On August 27th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 400 block of Newport on a “Felonious Assault.” The subject was arrested. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to Murder,” “Great Bodily Harm,” “Felonious Assault,” and “Domestic Violence.”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, September 11, 2008

@ 6:30 P.M.

**Rose of Sharon Church of
God in Christ**

**1779 E. State Fair
Detroit, Michigan 48203**

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Northeastern District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Western District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
Central District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

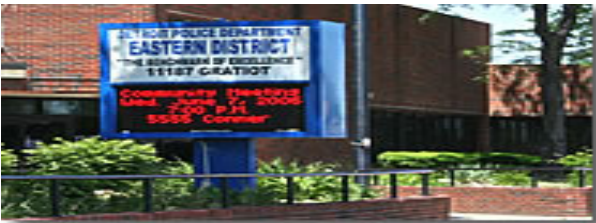
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Northwestern District

On August 28th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 6000 block of Ashton on regarding, "Meet Person to Point out a Stolen Vehicle." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property."



Southwestern District

On August 27th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 2000 block of Hammond on a "Breaking & Entering in Progress/Breaking & Entering Alarm." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering a Building," and "Larceny from a Building."



Western District

On August 27th, officers of the Western District responded to the area of Gardendale and Norfolk on "Glass Breaking/Vacant Dwelling." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering," "Possession of Burglary Tools," and "Habitual 3rd."



Central District

On August 30th, officers of the Central District responded to the 10 block of Petersboro on "Felonious Assault." As a result of the officers' quick actions, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Felonious Assault," "Aggravated Domestic Violence," and "Habitual 4th."



AC Robert Dunlap stated that we are saddened by the retirement of our Chief which becomes effective September 5, 2008. The department will continue on its course with reducing crime and making the city safe. Myself, along with AC Godbee, the entire Executive Command Staff and all of the great men and women of the department will continue to serve the citizens and the City of Detroit.

The Chief will be sorely missed. She was very humble in addressing the department, the citizens and the entire City of Detroit. To her credit, and the department's credit, the Detroit Police Department continues to be recognized on a national level and by numerous Executive Police Forums. I will now read the Chief's comments into the record.

Detroit,

More than five years ago I was afforded the honor of serving the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the city of Detroit as its Chief of Police. Several days ago, I notified Mayor Kilpatrick of my intent to retire and to thank him for the opportunity of a life time to serve the citizens of Detroit. Now, I would like to thank the men and women of the Detroit Police Department, Detroit's Finest, as well as the citizens that we serve, for your support during my tenure as your Chief of Police. The department has endured many challenges and achieved many successes ... so many so that I do not have time to cover them all. For example, five years ago, we began traveling towards the path of compliance with the consent judgments. By the end of this month (September), we will be compliant with the Conditions of Confinement fire safety and fire suppression requirements in the department's holding cells and the department should be well on its way to full compliance once we have accomplished training of our prisoner detention officers under the curriculum developed by the department and approved by the Monitor. Under the second consent judgment, Use of Force & Witness Detention, we have achieved compliance in many areas – from implementing the department's Management Awareness System to commencing 40-hour mandatory in service training for department members. Although we endured challenges in achieving compliant audits, I am proud that in the 19th quarter, 6 of 7 audits were found compliant by the Monitor. The department has also prepared and submitted its first ever annual Use of Force Report.

There are many, many more successes that have been achieved under the consent judgments and I am confident that the department is on track to achieve substantial compliance by July 2009.

Although the department's manpower has been tremendously impacted – from a high of more than 4,000 in 2002, to losing more than 650 officers since 2005 when the police department endured a more than \$100 million budget cut, the men and women in the Detroit Police Department have continued to remain focused on providing public safety, reducing fear and disorder, and increasing our community engagement. As I leave, the department is on track to have more than a 10% reduction in homicides as compared to 2007. Overall, crime in 2007 was reduced by 7.5%. In addition, overall crime (both violent and property) is still down today versus this same time last year. We have piloted an interim Mobile Community Police Station in one District. Probationary police officers now patrol our neighborhoods on foot. District police officers perform park and walks in the community. Focused deployment resulted in a more than a 50% reduction in non-fatal shootings last year in and around bars and 24-hour locations. We have increased our department's Police Explorers and businesses participating in Business United with Officers and Youth (BUOY).

Other successes include:

- Expanded citizen's police academies
- Crime Briefings
- Executives on Patrol
- Operation Inside/Out
- Video & Audio Interrogation Rooms
- First ever law enforcement agency to develop a comprehensive survivor's guide for families who have lost a loved one (that has been duplicated by many agencies across the country)

- The department's first ever on-line crime data for the community
- First ever Accident Reports available on line
- A Memorial Wall that pays tribute to the Heroes of this department who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice

Although there is a story of progress over the last five years, I also recognize that there is much more that needs to be done to further reduce crime, embrace our community, and upgrade the department's facilities, technology, and equipment. From the need to restore the department's manpower in order to successfully sustain crime reductions and to ensure quality police services to revamping how calls for service are managed. From continuing the need for transparency through the department's soon to be launched Command-Community Accountability Meetings (C-CAM) to continued crime walks and One-on-One Community Meetings. From the need to keep up the seven new and/or renovated police facilities (Schaefer Station, Central District, Southwestern District, Emergency Communications Center, Forfeiture Facility, Rouge Range Firearms Facility and Training Center) to renovating and building the remaining four district stations, crime lab, stand alone detention facility and headquarters. Even still, I believe that the department has a team of leaders that have the commitment and dedication to continue to guide the department towards progress and further reductions in crime and increased community engagement. As I move to the next chapter in my life, I look forward to spending time with my husband and family who have sacrificed much for me over the past five years. I am humbly grateful for the opportunity to have served with you and for you and will forever feel blessed because of the many people I have met along my journey. I will always be proud to have been one of "Detroit's Finest."

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 11, 2008, @ 6:30 p.m.
Northeastern District
Rose of Sharon Church of God in Christ
1799 East State Fair
Detroit, MI 48203

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no oral communication.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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